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Re: 2005 New Jersey Student Parent Mock Election
Mock Election Education Initiative

Dear Chief School Administrator:

Welcome to the 2005 New Jersey Student/Parent Mock Election! More than 2 million students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and participating American schools abroad will be casting votes in the mock election this year.

The mock election website is up and running and it will help to make your school's mock election a success. Please see <a href="www.njelections.org">www.njelections.org</a> for more information. Students will be able to cast votes for New Jersey's Gubernatorial and General Assembly candidates. A paper ballot and general instructions for participating in the mock election are attached, but you can also view or download the instructions and the ballot at <a href="www.njelections.org">www.njelections.org</a>.

It's not too late if your school has not enrolled yet. I encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to promote civic duty and to inspire students to exercise their right to vote. You can enroll your school by faxing the enclosed enrollment form to the NJ Division of Elections at (609) 777-1280.

It is only by working collaboratively that New Jersey will continue to be a leader in voter education. If you need any additional information or if you would like us to speak about the importance of voting or other related topics, please do not hesitate to call Coreen Grooms or myself at (609) 292-3760.

Thank you again for your work and collaboration.

Sincerely,

Ramón de la Cruz

Director, Division of Elections

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**Enclosures** 

